

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 2-5 and 8-11. They have canceled rejected claims 1, 6 and 7, thus mooted the rejections of those claims, and have provided in the appendix a clean version of the amended abstract.

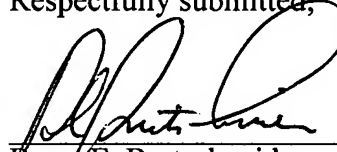
Early action allowing claims 2-5 and 8-11 is solicited.

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